Review Conference of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions

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First Preparatory Meeting for the First Review Conference
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Consideration and adoption of a procedural report of the First Preparatory Meeting

Final report

I. Introduction

1. Article 12 of the Convention on Cluster Munitions provides that "a Review Conference shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations five years after the entry into force of this Convention" and that "further Review Conferences shall be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations if so requested by one or more States Parties, provided that the interval between Review Conferences shall in no case be less than five years." Article 12 also provides that "the purpose of the Review Conference shall be:

(a) To review the operation and status of this Convention;

(b) To consider the need for and the interval between further Meetings of States Parties referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 11 of this Convention; and

(c) To take decisions on submissions of States Parties as provided for in Articles 3 and 4 of the Convention."

2. Article 12 further provides that "all States Parties to this Convention shall be invited to each Review Conference" and that "States not party to the Convention, as well as the United Nations, other relevant international organisations or institutions, regional organisations, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and relevant non-governmental organisations may be invited to attend each Review Conference as observers in accordance with the agreed rules of procedure."

3. In accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 12 of the Convention, the Fifth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention decided to designate Croatia as President of the First Review Conference of the Convention on Cluster Munitions and also decided to hold the Conference from 7 to 11 September 2015 in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

4. The Fifth Meeting of States Parties also "decided to convene two meetings, in preparation for the First Review Conference, of half a day each in Geneva on 5 February and 3 June 2015."

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5. Accordingly, the Secretary-General of the United Nations convened the First Preparatory Meeting for the First Review Conference and invited all States Parties, as well as States not parties to the Convention, to participate in the Meeting.

II. Organization of the First Preparatory Meeting for the First Review Conference

6. The First Preparatory Meeting for the First Review Conference of States Parties to the Convention was held in Geneva on 5 February 2015.

7. The following States Parties to the Convention participated in the work of the Meeting: Afghanistan, Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Czech Republic, Ecuador, France, Germany, Holy See, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Montenegro, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain Sweden, Switzerland, Togo, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Zambia.

8. The following State that had ratified or acceded to the Convention, but for which it was not yet in force, participated in the work of the Meeting: State of Palestine.

9. The following States signatories to the Convention participated in the work of the Meeting as observers: Canada, Indonesia, Madagascar, Philippines and South Africa.

10. Argentina, Azerbaijan, China, Cuba, Finland, Libya, Morocco, Myanmar, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkey and Yemen also participated in the work of the Meeting as observers.

11. The United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Mine Action Service and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs participated in the work of the Meeting as observers, pursuant to rule 1 (2) of the rules of procedure.

12. The Cluster Munition Coalition (CMC), the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) also participated in the work of the Meeting as observers, pursuant to rule 1 (2) of the rules of procedure.

13. The European Union (EU), the Mine Advisory Group (MAG); the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the Norwegian people's Aid took part in the work of the Meeting as observers, pursuant to rule 1 (3) of the rules of procedure.

III. Work of the First Preparatory Meeting

14. On 5 February 2015, the First Preparatory Meeting was opened by Ms. Elayne Whyte, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations Office at Geneva, representing Mr. Manuel A. González Sanz, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica, and President of the Fifth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention.

15. Ms. Diana Pleština, Director, Office for Mine Action, Government of the Republic of Croatia, also chaired the meeting on behalf of the Government of Croatia.

16. The Meeting held two plenary meetings.

17. The Meeting adopted its agenda, as contained in document CCM/CONF/2015/PM.1/1. The Meeting also considered the proposed provisional agenda for the First Review Conference as contained in document CCM/CONF/2015/PM.1/WP.1

as amended and the proposed provisional programme of work for the First Review Conference as contained in document CCM/CONF/2015/PM.1/WP.2 as amended and confirmed the rules of procedure, as contained in document CCM/MSP/2010/3, mutatis mutandis.

18. The First Preparatory Meeting considered documents CCM/CONF/2015/PM.1/WP.1 to CCM/CONF/2015/PM.1/WP.15.

IV. Decisions and recommendations

19. The Meeting agreed to recommend to the Review Conference the rules of procedure, as contained in CCM/MSP/2010/3, mutatis mutandis.

20. The Meeting agreed to recommend the Presidents of the Third, Fourth and Fifth Meetings of States Parties and the President-designate of the Sixth Meeting of States Parties, as Vice-Presidents of the First Review Conference.

21. The Meeting decided to change the dates of the two-day informal intersessional meeting in Geneva to 22 and 23 June 2015.

22. The Meeting decided to change the date of the Second Preparatory Meeting of the First Review Conference to 24 June 2015.

23. The Meeting adopted its final document, as contained in document contained in document CCM/CONF/2015/CRP.1 as orally amended to be issued as document CCM/CONF/2015/PM.1/2.

Annex

List of documents

Symbol	*Title*
CCM/CONF/2015/PM.1/1	Provisional agenda
CCM/CONF/2015/PM.1/2	Final report
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CCM/CONF/2015/PM.1/WP.3 and Rev.1	Towards a funding model for the Convention on Cluster Munitions Implementation Support Unit
CCM/CONF/2015/PM.1/WP.4	Exchange of views on a draft political declaration outline
CCM/CONF/2015/PM.1/WP.5	Exchange of views on a post-First review Conference programme of meetings and machinery
CCM/CONF/2015/PM.1/WP.6	Review of the Vientiane Action Plan I. Introduction and Objective
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CCM/CONF/2015/PM.1/WP.14	Review of the Vientiane Action Plan IX. Transparency and exchange of information measures
CCM/CONF/2015/PM.1/WP.15	Review of the Vientiane Action Plan X. National implementation measures

Symbol	*Title*
CCM/CONF/2015/INF.1 [English only]	Information for States Parties, observer States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations.
CCM/CONF/2015/INF.2 [English/French/Spanish only]	List of participants
CCM/CONF/2015/CRP.1 [English only]	Draft final report
CCM/CONF/2015/MISC.1 [English/French/Spanish only]	Provisional list of participants

The above documents are available from the Official Document System of the United Nations at http://documents.un.org, and the website of the Convention on Cluster Munitions, which is part of the website of the United Nations Office at Geneva, at http://www.unog.ch/ccm.